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SUBJECT:MISSING ABC NEWSMAN

REF: STATE 208609, STATE 208621 (NOTAL)

1. REFTELS FIRST ASKED CERTAIN POSTS TO LOOK FOR MISSING ABC CAMERAMAN PETER MCINTYRE (UK CITIZEN). REQUEST WAS THEN CANCELLED SINCE ABC REPORTED HE HAD BEEN FOUND SAFE IN SYRIA. ABC NOW REPORTS, CONTRARY TO EARLIER INDICATIONS, THAT MCINTYRE HAS NOT SHOWN UP. MAIN FACTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. MCINTYRE WAS TO HAVE LEFT JOUNIEH, LEBANON FOR CYPRUS ON FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20, VIA GREEK CYPRIOT FLAG VESSEL CRIN BLEU. ACCORDING TO CYPRUS AGENT (LOUIS TOURIST - 0415-2233), THIS SHIP (30 PASSENGER) LATER RADIOED SOS, SAID IT WAS BATTERED BY SEAS AND WAS HEADING TOWARD SYRIAN PORT OF TARTOUS. ABC UNSURE WHETHER ANY OF THIS INFO IS RELIABLE.
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AGENT'S EFFORTS TO GET IN TOUCH BY RADIO WITH SHIP HAVE

FAILED.

3. FOR NICOSIA: PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH AGENT TO OBTAIN MORE UP-TO-DATE INFO AND KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED.

4. FOR BEIRUT: IF YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH FSL JOSEPH KHAWAND, SEE IF HE COULD CHECK WITH JOUNIEH AUTHORITIES RE MOVEMENTS OF CRIN BLEU AND MCINTYRE.

5. FOR DAMASCUS: PLEASE TRY TO DETERMINE WHETHER VESSEL HAS REACHED SYRIAN PORT, WHETHER PASSENGERS CAN BE CONTACTED, ETC.

6. FOR ATHENS: NOT CLEAR HERE WHETHER CYPRUS AGENT IS ALSO OWNER. PLEASE CHECK CRIN BLEU REGISTRY AND SEE WHETHER YOU CAN DEVELOP INFO ON WHEREABOUTS. KISSINGER

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